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**JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES
August 25, 2021**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Acting Chair for the Joint Leadership Council. I am a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Veteran Service Organization. I have been a member of the JLC since 2018.

I am a retired Marine Corps officer, having served 30 years.

The Joint Leadership Council met in person on July 14 at the Virginia War Memorial. This was our first in-person meeting since last year. We had an opportunity to thank Chairman Bill Ashton for his dedicated service to the JLC and for his leadership as Chairman. We plan to nominate a new Chairman and Vice Chairman at our September meeting.

During our July meeting, we received a briefing by Commissioner Maxwell on the lines of efforts supporting his strategic priorities and the objectives for achieving the goals in support of the Compact. We also received reports from the BVS and Veterans Service Foundation.

Members of the JLC presented their VSO legislative initiatives for the 2022 General Assembly Session. In total, we received ten initiatives for consideration.

We will present them to the BVS as we did last year. We welcome discussion and feedback on the initiatives in preparation for our September meeting, during which we will vote on adoption of priorities and ranking.

There are 16 nominations submitted for JLC member appointments to fill upcoming vacancies. Many of our current members served their full terms and several more are requesting re-appointment. We are planning a swearing-in ceremony for all new appointments during the September meeting at the War Memorial. Until then, it is my honor and privilege to serve as Acting Chair and I remain committed to advocating for matters of concern on behalf of Virginia's Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Denice Williams
Acting Chairman